

Application No. 10/729,815
Amendment dated February 24, 2006
Reply to Office Action of November 21, 2005

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2005. A request for a one month extension of time and the required fee are enclosed.

In the Office Action the Examiner allowed claims 14 through 21 and objected to claims 4 and 25. The Examiner said claims 4 and 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By this Amendment, applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 4 which had depended from claim 1 and cancelled claim 4. Claims 2, 3 and 5 through 13 depend from amended claim 1 and are now allowable because claim 1 is allowable.

Applicant has also amended claim 22 to incorporate the limitations of claim 25 and cancelled claim 25. Claim 25 had depended directly from claim 22. Consequently, amended claim 22 is now allowable. Claims 23, 24 and 26 through 33 depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 22 and are allowable because amended claim 22 is allowable.

Claims 34, 35 and 36 have been cancelled.

The Examiner designated the November 21 Office Action as a final action. Because this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance, this Amendment should be entered.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview on February 21, 2006, with the undersigned counsel. During the interview claim 1 and the drawing attached to the Office Action were discussed. As a result of that discussion, counsel has a better understanding of that drawing. No agreement was reached concerning the patentability of the claims. However, we did note that some claims had been allowed and other claims were objected to as being dependent on a rejected parent claim.

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Entry of the Amendment and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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